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49/24. Special assistance to countries receiving refugees from Rwanda

The General Assembly,

Having considered the item entitled "Special assistance to countries receiving refugees from Rwanda",

Bearing in mind the serious crisis which has shaken Rwanda to its very foundations,

Deeply concerned about the massive presence of refugees from Rwanda in the territories of neighbouring countries, namely, Burundi, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania and Zaire,

Concerned about the evident impact of these massive flows of refugees on the basic infrastructure and on the life and property of local populations in the States which are neighbours of Rwanda,

Also bearing in mind the large-scale material destruction, the deterioration of the economic, social and health infrastructure and the ecological devastation in the areas receiving refugees from Rwanda,

Gravely concerned by the effects which epidemics in those areas are having on the health of the populations of the countries receiving refugees from Rwanda,

Observing that the humanitarian aid dispatched to those areas should as far as possible take into consideration the scale of the needs of the local populations,

Recognizing that the countries receiving refugees from Rwanda, all of them least developed countries, continue to experience an extremely critical economic situation,

Expressing its appreciation to the Governments of the countries receiving refugees from Rwanda for the sacrifices which they are making in granting refuge and hospitality to them,

Concerned about the paucity of the aid granted to the local populations of the countries receiving refugees from Rwanda, and stressing the need to continue providing and to step up special assistance to those countries,

1. Expresses its deep concern at the grave social, economic, health and ecological impact of the massive and unexpected presence of refugees in countries which are neighbours of Rwanda;

2. Commends the Governments of Burundi, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania and Zaire for the sacrifices which they have made and for their continuing commitment to do their utmost to assist the refugees from Rwanda, notwithstanding the constraints which their limited resources place upon them;

3. Urges all States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, and calls upon the international financial and development institutions, to provide all financial, technical and material assistance possible with a view to facilitating the restoration of the basic services destroyed in the countries receiving refugees from Rwanda;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session a report on the follow-up to the present resolution.

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